

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of using a print device, comprising the steps of:
carrying out a specified task at a print device; and
generating an email confirmation including an indication of success or failure
5 of said carried out task at said print device.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of carrying out a specified task
includes rendering image data at said print device.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said rendered image data corresponds to
one of a scan to network job and a fax job.
- 10 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said email confirmation relates to a scan to
network job.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said email confirmation includes upon said
failure at least one of a primary SMTP gateway IP address; a connection failure, and
number of connection tries; and a mail server response.
- 15 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said email confirmation relates to a fax
job.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein said email confirmation includes upon said
failure at least one of a connection failure, and number of connection tries; date;
station name; and station number.
- 20 8. The method of claim 2, wherein said email confirmation includes a
thumbnail image associated with said rendered image data upon a successful
rendering of said image data, and said email confirmation does not include a
thumbnail image associated with said rendered image data upon an unsuccessful
rendering of said image data.
- 25 9. The method of claim 2, wherein said email confirmation includes an
attachment.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein said email confirmation includes a
thumbnail image of said attachment.
11. The method of claim 9, wherein said email confirmation includes a
30 thumbnail image of said attachment upon a successful rendering of said image data,
and said email confirmation does not include a thumbnail image of said attachment
upon an unsuccessful rendering of said image data.

12. The method of claim 9, wherein said email confirmation comprises information relating to said attachment, including at least one of a file name, data format, and rendered image resolution.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein said generating step includes the substep
5 of transmitting said email confirmation over a network.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said transmitting step includes transmitting said email confirmation over a network using one of said print device and a computer attached to said network.

15. The method of claim, 1 wherein said print device is part of a multi-
10 function machine.

16. A method of using a print device, comprising the steps of:
carrying out a specified task at a print device; and
generating an email confirmation including an indication of success or failure
of said carried out task at said print device, said email confirmation including a
15 thumbnail image associated with said specified task upon successfully carrying out
said specified task, and said email confirmation not including a thumbnail image
associated with said specified task upon unsuccessfully carrying out said specified
task.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said step of carrying out a specified task
20 includes rendering image data at said print device.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said rendered image data corresponds to one of a scan to network job and a fax job.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein said email confirmation includes a thumbnail image associated with said rendered image data upon a successful
25 rendering of said image data, and said email confirmation does not include a thumbnail image associated with said rendered image data upon an unsuccessful rendering of said image data.

20. The method of claim 16, wherein said email confirmation includes an attachment.

21. The method of claim 16, wherein said generating step includes the substep
30 of transmitting said email confirmation over a network.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein said transmitting step includes transmitting said email confirmation over a network using one of said print device and a computer attached to said network.

23. The method of claim, 16 wherein said print device is part of a multi-
5 function machine.

24. A method of using a print device, comprising the steps of:
carrying out a specified task at a print device; and
generating an email confirmation at said print device, said email confirmation
including information pertaining to said specified task.

10 25. The method of claim 24, wherein said email confirmation includes an indication of success or failure of said specified task.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein said step of carrying out a specified task includes rendering image data at said print device.

15 27. The method of claim 26, wherein said rendered image data corresponds to one of a scan to network job and a fax job.

28. The method of claim 24, wherein said email confirmation includes a thumbnail image associated with said rendered image data.

29. The method of claim 24, wherein said automatically generating step includes the substep of transmitting said email confirmation over a network.

20 30. The method of claim 29, wherein said transmitting step includes transmitting said email confirmation over a network using one of said print device and a computer attached to said network.

31. The method of claim, 24 wherein said print device is part of a multi-
function machine.

25 32. A method of using a print device, comprising the steps of:
coupling a print device and a computer to a network at different physical locations;
carrying out a specified task at one of said print device and said computer;
generating a confirmation report indicating success or failure of said specified

30 task; and
providing access to said confirmation report at an other of said print device and said computer.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein said print device comprises a multifunction machine including a fax, scanner and printer; said specified task comprises one of a scan to network job using said scanner and fax job using said fax; and said confirmation report comprises an email confirmation.

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